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To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Testimony against proposed budget for Department of Public Safety

Dear Chairman Barros & members of the subcommittee,

I hope you will strongly reject the Governor's proposed budget for the Department of Public Safety, especially the \$35 million proposed to be wasted on a new consolidated police barracks. There are loud and constant refrains currently from Rhode Islanders to redirect funding like this to actual issues that address the root causes of systemic ills like crime and violence. It should be taken and given to other agencies like the public defender's office, whose proposed budget is also up for your consideration today. They are chronically understaffed and under-resourced. It is time we flip that script and actually start funding people and infrastructure that actually makes a difference.

Thank You,

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